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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

Dear Sir:

This is a Response and Amendment to the Office Action mailed September 19, 2005 in the above-identified patent application, the date for response to which is extended by three months to March 20, 2006 (March 19, 2006 falling on a Sunday), by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time (PTO/SB/22).

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